

ROSSWORDS

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The ROSS CROWD like a CROSSWORD. An apposite transposal. Let us begin by discovering what Ross's name offers by way of transposals.

TRANSPOSING 'ROSS'

SORS (Irish pronunciation of 'sirs')

SORS is also the name of locations in Azerbaijan, France, Germany, South Africa and Turkey.

TRANSPOSING 'ECKLER'

CERKLE (circle) CLERKE (clerk)

LECKER (lecture)

RECKLE (chain)

KERLEC (Bosnia-Herzegovina)

RECLEK (Turkey)

TRANSPOSING 'A.R. ECKLER'

LACKERER (laquerer)

TRANSPOSING 'ROSS ECKLER'

ROCKER-LESS OR RECKLESS

TRANSPOSING WITH ROSS - A MEDLEY

SPORTS = P.T. ROSS (P.T. stands for Physical Training in the UK)

DISROBES = I BED ROSS!!!

BOASTERS = BEAT ROSS

BROWSES = WEB ROSS

You can MEET ROSS in SOMERSET

HALF-HALF TRANSPOSALS

The letters of the first half of the word are rearranged, as are the letters of the second half of the word:

ADVI.SORS

TRIS.SORS

INVA.SORS

PLEA.SORS

AVID ROSS

STIR ROSS

VAIN ROSS

PALE ROSS

ROSS FORMS PART OF A PALINDROMIC PHRASE

Ross signs his emails with the remarkably apposite palindrome ROSS ESSAY ASSESSOR.

Did you know that there is a website called GROSS.ORG and it's perfectly harmless, if noisy!

ROSS AND A PALINDROMIC SEQUENCE

DROSSED, ROSETTES, ROSELLES, ROSANNAS, EURO-ISSUE, IDROSIS (= hidrosis), REOUSES

ROSS, IN DISARRAY, IS PRECEDED BY A PALINDROMIC SEQUENCE

IRRISORS SESSORS SISSORS

ROSS IS FOLLOWED BY A PALINDROMIC SEQUENCE

ROSS.INI, ROSS.ETE (russet)

ROSS RETURNS IN A PALINDROMIC SEQUENCE

RESSORER (Chambers) SISSORS (scissors)

ROSS GOES AND RETURNS MIXED WITH A PALINDROMIC SEQUENCE

REPOSSESSOR

ROSS GOES AND RETURNS AS A PERSONAL PALINDROME

ROSSOR (a surname)

ROSS TAKES ON THE TAUTONYMS

INGROSSING, VAVASSOR, TETROSES

ROSS VISITS MIAMI

Miami words have the pattern 12?12

Ross in Miami... CROSSKICK

Ross fits in... NEGRONESS

...but he sometimes gets upset... PHOSPHORS

.. and, after Miami, Ross returns home...

REPRESSOR REGRESSOR REDRESSOR VALVASSOR

ALTERNATING ROSS

The alternate letters in these words spell out 'Ross'.

REQUSES and ROOYSES (both mean 'boasts') TROOSSES (trouse) ARROUSES (waters)

ROSS INTERLOCKS

'Ross' interlocks with another word, the letters of both words being in the correct order.

HEE* = eye, he, high

ROISTS (Ross + it),

DEFROSTS (deft + Ross),

TETROSES (tete + Ross)

ROTISS (Ross + tie)

HEROESS (hee* + Ross)

ACROSES (ace + Ross)

BARONESS (bane + Ross)

ROTISS (Ross + tied)

PAROSTOSIS (patois + Ross)

ROSS EMBEDDED IN ANOTHER WORD

CROSSHAIR (chair + Ross), CROSSABLE (cable + Ross) CROSSHILL (chill + Ross)

CROSSLINK (Ross in clink!) CROSSRIB (crib + Ross) LACROSS (Ross in lace!)

ACROSS (aced + Ross) DROSSOCK (Ross in the dock!)

WORDS EMBEDDED IN ROSS

ROSINS ('in' in Ross!) ROSALES (Ross + ale) ROSERIES (Ross + Erie) ROPINESS (Ross + pine)

OVERLAPPING ROSS

1-letter overlap BEARROSS (beam + Ross)

2-letter overlap BARRONESS (bane + Ross)

3-letter overlap GROROSERTS are gooseberries (Gert + Ross)

ROSS AND FRIENDS

MATT.ROSS ROSS.ED ROSS.INA ROSS.LYN MO.ROSS (morose) ROSS.ELLIE

R, O and S WORDS

These words are made solely from the letters R, O and S. The longest have 8 letters:

SOROSORO and ROSOROSO are both tautonymic locations in Fiji.

7 letters: SOSORRO (*hod*) is made of 2 palindromic sequences.

OOSOOR, with 3 consecutive doubled letters, is in India.

6 letters: the tautonym SORSOR (Azerbaijan)

the palindromes ROSSOR (a surname) and SORROS (pl. of sorro, Scottish 'sorrow')

The phrase SO OR SO means 'this or that'.

ROSS IN HIS ELEMENT

The letters of 'Ross' are to be found in two elemental names:

DYSPROSIUM (no. 66), and PHOSPHORUS (no. 15) which contains the Miami sequence PHOPH.

ROSS ENDS UP SMELLING OF ROSES

Each word adds a letter and the letters are rearranged at each step down to 'Sporigenous'; then each word loses a letter and the letters are rearranged. 'Ross' reads downwards from the top and upwards from the bottom along the left hand edge. All the words except 'orsos' (*Chambers*) are in the OED.

ROSS
ORSOS
SOROUS
SONORUS
ROSINOUS
OREISOUS
SEIGNOROUS
SPORIGENOUS
OSSPRINGES
REINGROSS
SEIGNORS
SENIORS
OSIERS
ROSES

ROSS RETURNS IN A WORD

VISSORNE (visor) = vine + ssor

ASSORT = at + ssor

FOSSORES (digger-wasps) = foes + ssor

In MISSORT, TIM also returns

ROSS AND THE CONSECUTIVE LETTERS

GROSS-FED GFED are reverse alphabetically- consecutive letters

SPONSOR PON are reverse alphabetically- consecutive letters. 'Ross' is also in reverse.

ROSS ECKLER'S ISOMORPHS

With 3 repeated letters, ROSS ECKLER has few isomorphs; they are not mutual isomorphs.

R O S S E C K L E R
L E M M A T I C A L
S E R R U L A T U S
S W E E T W O R T S

ROSS SHIFTS

The letters of ROSS are shifted along the alphabet n places to make a **shift word**:

ROSS + 16 = HEII (w_2)

ROSS + 20 = LIMM

The letters of ROSS are shifted along the alphabet n places and rearranged to make a **shiftgram**:

ROSS + 2 = tquu = QUTU (Afghanistan), UTUQ (Azerbaijan), TUQU (China)

ROSS + 3 = urvv = VRUV and VURV (both in Bulgaria)

ROSS + 8 = zwaa = AZAW, WAZA and ZAWA (all in Afghanistan), AWAZ (Iraq)

ROSS + 12 = daee = ADEE (Ha! - *English Dialect Dictionary*), EADE (go v.), EDEA (w_2)

ROSS + 13 = ebff = BEFF (beef)

ROSS + 17 = ifjj = FJIJ (Tunisia)

ROSS + 22 = nkoo = NOOK

ROSS + 23 = olpp = LOPP, PLOP

ECKLER'S SHIFTGRAM

ECKLER + 22 = ayghan = YAHGAN - 1 of the 3 indigenous peoples of Tierra del Fuego

ROSS ON THE EDGE

The letters of these words, arranged in geometrical forms, enable 'Ross' to be read along one edge of the form, sometimes downwards, sometimes upwards.

Triangle Rossessing (Germany) Rhodesians sessioneer

	R			R			S				
	O	S		H	O		E	S			
S	E	S		D	E	S	S	I	O		
S	I	N	G	I	A	N	S	N	E	E	R

Hexagon Rosslosa (in Sweden) riotists

		R			R	
	O	S		I	O	
S	L	O		T	I	S
S	A			T	S	

MISCELLANEOUS ROSS

ALBATROSS Sounds OK

Ross x 2: Both the words of ROSER'S CROSS (Sussex, England) have the letters of ROSS in their correct order.

Finally, something for both Ross and his successor Jeremiah...

The shortest designation I found which contains the letters of WORD WAYS EDITOR was:

'HAVE ONES HEAD SCREWED ON THE RIGHT WAY'!

REFERENCES

Words can be found in the Oxford English Dictionary, 2nd edition unless indicated otherwise.

Chambers = Chambers Dictionary; *hod* = Hodge's Handbook of American Indians;

long = Longman's Dictionary; w_2 = Webster's Second Edition

Locations, identified by country, are taken from the United States Board on Geographic Names.